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Title: Need to interlink Cauvery river with Palar river.

SHRI P. VISWANATHAN (KANCHEEPURAM): There is a necessity of linking Cauvery river with Palar river. From 1924 to 2006 the water level exceeded the danger mark 38 times in Mettur Dam and the discharged river water found its way to the Sea. The water of Cauvery river can be stored in the new dam constructed near Okanekkal. There is a possibility of generating 720 MW electricity from the water stored in this dam. Further the water can be diverted to Palar near Avarankuppam through a canal. First of all the Cauvery water can be pumped to a distance of 10 km to Ponnagaram to a height of 800 feet in a small lake. After that, a canal can be constructed via Palakode, Krishnagiri, Natrampalli to Avarankuppam. From Avarankuppam, the Cauvery water can be diverted to Palar.

Due to the linking of Cauvery and Palar rivers, the people of Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur will get sufficient drinking water and also water for cultivation of their land. If implemented, more than 1.5 crore people will get pure drinking water and water for cultivation also.

I request the Hon'bie Minister for Water Resources to look into the matter and explore the possibility of implementing the project which will benefit the people of northern districts of Tamil Nadu.